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## **Highlights of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3289, the FY 2004 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan**

*The Conference Report, H. Rept 108-337, was filed on October 30, 2003.*

### **Noteworthy**

- The Conference Report for H.R. 3289 includes \$87.442 billion in supplemental funding for military operations and reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, which is \$402 million more than President's request and \$993 million more than the Senate-passed bill.
- The Conference Report provides \$65.8 billion for the military effort, compared with \$65.6 billion in the President's request.
- The reconstruction and foreign assistance portion amounts to \$21.8 billion, up from \$21.5 billion in the President's request.
- Iraq reconstruction receives \$18.6 billion, \$1.7 billion less the President's request, and similar efforts in Afghanistan would receive \$1.2 billion, \$400 million more than the request.
- The Conference Report also adds \$500 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to address disasters such as the California wildfires and the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel.

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### **Highlights of Title I – Department of Defense**

**Conference Report.** The Conference Report includes a total of \$65.75 billion for Title I.

- **Military Personnel.** The Conference Report provides \$17.81 billion for the salaries and benefits of military personnel for active component troops and Guard and Reserve troops activated for duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas around the world.
- **Operation and Maintenance.** The section receives \$39.2 billion for operations and maintenance in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle, of which \$1 billion is to support coalition partners.
- **Procurement.** A total of \$5.53 billion is provided for procurement, including an additional \$62.1 million for up-armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs).
- **Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.** The Conference Report includes \$333.8 million for military research, development, testing and evaluation.
- **Various Funds and Accounts.** The Defense Health Program receives \$658 million; \$600 million is provided to the Defense Working Capital Fund to cover added fuel costs.
- **Military Construction.** The Conference Report provides \$524.8 million (\$112 million of which is for repair of military facilities damaged by Hurricane Isabel).
- **Emergency Disaster Funding**
  - Provides \$313 million of the funds to repair Department of Defense infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Isabel; and
  - Under Chapter 2 of Title I, the Conference Report adds \$500 million to the Federal Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Homeland Security to deal with the California wildfires and Hurricane Isabel.
- **TRICARE.** The conferees authorized medical and dental screening at no cost for Reservists who are ordered to active duty; expanded pre-mobilization and post-mobilization eligibility for TRICARE; and made TRICARE available to Reservists who are unemployed, or who are not offered health care benefits by their civilian employer.

**Senate-Passed Bill.** The Senate-passed bill provided \$65.6 billion for the Department of Defense and Classified Activities. Of the total, the following was included: Military Personnel (\$17.81 billion); Operation and Maintenance (\$38.18 billion); Procurement (\$5.46 billion); Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Navy (\$34 million), Air Force (\$39.07 million), and Defense-Wide (\$265.8 million);

Working Capital Fund, Defense-Wide, for fuel (\$600 million); drug interdiction and counter-drug activities in Afghanistan (\$73 million); and additional funding for the Defense Health Program (\$658.4 million).

## Highlights of Title II – International Affairs

**Conference Report.** The Conference Report includes \$21.8 billion for Title II.

- **Department of State.** This section receives \$156.3 million for operations.
- **U.S. Agency for International Development.** The Conference Report provides \$16.6 million for safe and secure facilities for the USAID in Iraq and Afghanistan; and at least \$38 million for operating expenses of the USAID for costs associated with Iraq and Afghanistan.
- **Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund.** The Conference Report provides \$18.6 billion for Iraq for security, rehabilitation and reconstruction (the amount also includes \$200 million for assistance to Liberia, \$200 million for assistance to Jordan, and \$20 million for assistance to Sudan). Of those funds, \$100 million is for democracy building activities in Iraq to support the development of a constitution and national elections.
- **Afghanistan.** This section receives \$872 million to continue political and economic development programs in Afghanistan, and \$287 million to continue programs and activities to build the new Afghanistan army.
- **Internet Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement.** The Conference Report provides \$170 million for Department of State narcotics control, law enforcement, nonproliferation, anti-terrorism, and demining programs.
- **Additional Provisions.** This section includes \$50 million for peacekeeping expenses in Iraq and Afghanistan relating to additional foreign troops; \$35 million for anti-terrorism training and equipment needs in Afghanistan; and \$983 million for operating expenses for the Coalition Provisional Authority.

**Senate-Passed Bill.** The bill provided the following: Department of State (\$397.3 million); U.S. Agency for International Development operating expenses (\$40 million); Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (\$20.3 billion); Afghanistan (\$422 million); International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement (\$120 million); Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs (\$35 million).

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